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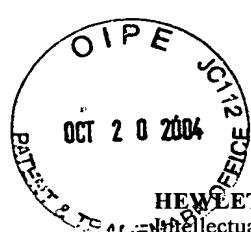
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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004 (Paper No. 08172004) (hereinafter “Final Action”), finally rejecting claims 8–14, the Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of record in light of the arguments contained herein.

No Amendments Are Made to the Claims, however, a complete listing of the claims are provided for the Examiner’s convenience beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.